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With reference to the attached letter from Messrs Chen and Tsai dated July 24th 1930 and attached newspaper articles from the Evening Post and from the North China Daily News dated July 23rd and 24th respectively, inquiries show that the local Russian Newspaper "Slovo" published on July 22nd 1930 an article entitled "Flight of Soviet Employees." This article was taken from the Harbin Russian newspapers "Vostok" and "Rupor" in which papers it was published that the Manager of Central Soviet Gold Mining Co. and controller of above company, Mr. Fokin, escaped with 50 poods (approximately lbs. 1,800) of gold from Vladivostok and had proceeded via Harbin to the South. It was supposed that they had gone through Dairen. Nothing was mentioned about their further destination. These articles also give foundation to the rumour that Anisimoff and Fokin are now in Shanghai.

No traces of Anisimoff and Fokin can be found here, and nothing is known about the members of Soviet Secret Service who are said to have arrived here in search of the men and gold.

Should they arrive in Shanghai or any information regarding their whereabouts obtained, a report will be duly submitted.

J. Tchermshansky

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Information

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai,

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For attention in
a very discreet way
please. Establishment
of contact with the
Yee Ta Steamship
Company may be
useful at some time
in the future.

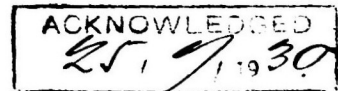
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July 24th, 1930.



蔡陳
汝露
棟銳
法律
事務
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Sir,

I have the honour to address you on behalf
of my clients, The Yee Ta Steamship Company (怡大輪船公司),
on the following matter:-

My clients have noticed a report in the Shanghai
Evening **Post** of the 23rd instant which is contained in
Enclosure 1. the clipping enclosed herein.

My clients shall be much obliged if you would
kindly keep me informed of any developement in the matter,
as they have certain claims involving approximately
£200,000.- against one of the institutions in Soviet
Russia, arising out of the detention by the latter of
a Chinese steamer "Yuan Ta" (元大) belonging to our
clients.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. T. Lee

Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

*for our own
information we
might try to find it.
out more
is not actually
our business.
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Cheka Agents In City On Trail Of G.\$750,000 Which Vanished With Two Vladivostok Officials

O. G. P. U. Operatives Baffled By Executives Of Siberian Gold Mine They Sought To Trap On Smuggling Charges

Soviet agents in Shanghai are today engaged in a search for two of their own kind, believed to have arrived here a few days ago from Vladivostok with G.\$750,000 worth of gold bars, said to have been stolen from the offices of a Soviet organization known as the Central Soviet Gold Mining Company.

The two men are ex-officials of the Vladivostok offices where the alleged theft was committed, according to word received here yesterday. One of them is Mr. A. Anisimoff, general manager, while

the other is a subordinate executive named Fokin.

Cheka Agents Baffled

The alleged theft was committed on the night of July 5, a day after a party of government mining officials from Moscow arrived in Vladivostok for the purpose of inspecting the company's finances.

Reports had reached the home office charging that Anisimoff and Fokin had been engaged in smuggling gold bars out of the country via Harbin and Dairen and the government authorities brought several agents of the O.G.P.U. with them.

It was the plan of the visiting delegation from Moscow to trap the two officials in the act of making a gold shipment and they were in no haste to place the two men under arrest. Besides they had no direct evidence against them.

Fortune Vanishes

Sensing that the Moscow agents were in Vladivostok for no other purpose than to take them into custody provided they got the chance, it is said that Anisimoff and Fokin looted the safes and disappeared on the night of July 5.

Soviet agents took up the trail the following day and discovered that the two men had crossed the border disguised as women. They were traced to Harbin and then to Dairen, travelling in company with a man believed to be either British or American.

Believed To Be Here

They managed to give the Soviet agents in Dairen the slip. Their travelling companion went to Japan while they took a boat for the south. It was reported in local Russian papers today that they are believed to have arrived in Shanghai over the weekend.

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1930

SIBERIAN GOLD IN
SHANGHAI

Two Russians from Vladivostok
Alleged to be Here with Two
Million Dollars' Worth

SOVIET AGENTS ON THEIR
TRAIL

Reports of theft of gold from the Soviet Gold Mining Co. at Vladivostok by two ex-employees who are at present in Shanghai are circulating in local Russian circles.

It is said that the two men disappeared from the offices of the company with the gold, valued at approximately \$2,000,000. How this huge consignment was shipped to Shanghai is not explained. Three members of the Soviet secret service are said to have arrived here to prosecute the search for the men and the gold.

Feminine Disguise

The alleged facts of the theft are briefly as follow: On July 5, shortly before the arrival at Vladivostok of Soviet auditors the two men decamped to Harbin in the company of another foreigner. All were disguised as women. The trio were subsequently traced to Dairen, where two of them embarked on board a Japanese boat, ostensibly for Yokohama, via Shanghai. They have neither arrived at Yokohama nor landed under their own names at Shanghai.

It is expected that the assistance of the Settlement and French police will be sought by the Soviet authorities in the search for the men.

According to a message from Harbin to the "Slovo," a leading local Russian daily, the three secret service agents are from the Vladivostok section of the G. P. U. and have been sent to trace the whereabouts of a Mr. A. Anisimoff, general manager of the Central Soviet Gold Mining Co. at Vladivostok, and a subordinate named Fokin.

Soviet Commission's Discovery

The Commissioners found that the missing men had left Vladivostok with about 50 pounds of gold in addition to other gold that was missing.

A number of arrests were made and it was found that both Anisimoff and Fokin had, during June, secretly smuggled a large quantity of gold abroad through foreign channels.

Agents of the G. P. U. later learnt definitely that the two men had left Vladivostok and wires were sent to the border to stop them. On July 6, it was discovered that the culprits had passed through Pogranichnaia disguised as women and accompanied by two foreigners. Several days later, three members of the G. P. O. were ordered to Harbin in search of them, only to find that the two wanted men had spent three days in the homes of their foreign accomplices after which they had left for Japan, via Shanghai.

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and report please.
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